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## To the Citizens of Oakham

The Board of Selectmen respectfully submits to the citizens of Oakham a report of the activities and finances of the various departments, committees and offices of the town for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The Board takes this opportunity to thank all town officers and members of all committees and departments for their interest and co-operation during the year.

JOHN P. O'DONNELL

ROGER H. LONERGAN

WALTER W. NELSON

Board of Selectmen



## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1954

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### Town Clerk

DOROTHY P. DAY	Term expires 1955
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### Selectmen

JOHN P. O'DONNELL	Term expires 1955
ROGER H. LONERGAN, Chairman	Term expires 1956
WALTER W. NELSON	Term expires 1957

### Assessors

LUDWICK SZCZUKA	Term expires 1955
W. FRANCIS BRENNAN	Term expires 1956
CHESTER M. ROOD, Chairman	Term expires 1957

### Board of Public Welfare

MARGUERITE M. TROY	Term expires 1955
WALTER G. CHAPMAN, Clerk	Term expires 1956
DONALD C. AGAR, Chairman	Term expires 1957

### School Committee

MARY H. PARSONS, Clerk	Term expires 1955
PHILIP E. DWELLY	Term expires 1956
WILLARD C. RUTHERFORD, Chairm'n	Term expires 1957

### Library Trustees

PHILIP B. BURGESS	Term expires 1955
WINIFRED B. LANE, Chairman	Term expires 1956
RAYMOND H. FIELD, Clerk	Term expires 1957

### Cemetery Committee

MINNIED F. WHITE	Term expires 1955
FREDERICK G. STONE	Term expires 1956
ARTHUR WEBB, Chairman	Term expires 1957



## Report of the TOWN CLERK

### VITAL RECORDS OF 1954

#### BIRTHS

##### January

- 4—Diana Lee Crawford, daughter of H. Roscoe and Cecile A. (Courteau) Crawford.
- 5—Patricia Ann Bullard, daughter of Ralph C. and Doris E. (Strange) Bullard.

##### April

- 10—Alan Richard Anderson, son of Herbert F. and Julia (Budreau) Anderson.
- 30—Matthew Mark Russ, son of Valentine F. and Catherine M. (Fairlee) Russ.

##### August

- 14—Coy, son of Forrest and Rita (Bliss) Coy.
- 28—Clinton, son of William R. and Carol J. (Otterson) Clinton.

##### October

- 21—Allen Elmer Curtis, son of Allen S. and Kathryn B. (Hutchinson) Curtis.
- 31—Geoffrey Bruce Hardy, son of Leonard W. Sr. and Sophie (Sadowski) Hardy.

##### December

- 16—Harold Charles Black, son of Harold E., Jr., and Carol (Davis) Black.

#### MARRIAGES

##### May

- 22—Bradford R. Wells, Oakham, and Dolores L. Casasanto, Shrewsbury.



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29—Harold E. Black, Jr., Oakham, and Carol Davis, New Braintree.

## June

16—Fred Powell, Cheshire, Connecticut, and M. Ellen Peck, New Haven, Connecticut.

26—John J. O'Neil, Malden and Lillian M. Bechan, Oakham.

## July

10—Robert E. Riffenburg, Oakham, and Joyce A. Peck, Barre.

## September

4—Edward D. Cox, Earl Park, Indiana ,and Joanne Jean Johnson, Oakham.

29—Malcolm A. Foss, Oakham, and Anne M. (Grime) Dwelly, Oakham.

## October

22—Walter S. Wood, Oakham, and Mary E. (Harroun) MacArthur, Oakham.

## DEATHS

June	Y	M	D
30—Alfred A. Parker	75	8	22

## August

20—	Coy		6
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## November

5—Andrew Riffenburg	65	1	17
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## December

9—Bessie S. LaBonte	85	4	28
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## NON-RESIDENTS BURIED IN TOWN

Date of Death	Y	M	D
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## December

25 (1953)—Laura M. Robinson, Claremont, California	97		
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January

22—Victor J. Rogers, Rutland	54	8	24
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## DOG LICENSES

72 Males @ \$2.00	\$	144 00
20 Females @ \$5.00		100 00
31 Spays @ \$2.00		62 00
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123 dogs licensed		\$306 00
Fees retained — 20c each		24 60
Net Return	\$	281 40

Dog licenses expire on April 1. New licenses may be obtained during the last week in March. Dogs must be licensed when they become three months of age. Mail orders receive prompt attention. If a dog has been licensed previously in the town, no information need be sent. If a new dog is to be licensed the description should include, color, age, breed, name of dog, and owner's name. Checks should be made out to the Town of Oakham.

A person who becomes the owner of a dog which has already been licensed for the year in another city or town, should, within 30 days secure a transfer license and local tag. The fee is 25 cents. A transfer license should also be obtained when ownership changes in the same town. A transfer is not necessary in temporary removal.

If a tag becomes lost, a duplicate may be obtained. The charge is 10 cents.

## SPORTING LICENSES

34 Fishing @ \$3.25	\$	110 50
15 Hunting @ \$3.25		48 75
27 Sporting @ \$5.25		141 75
4 Minors' Fishing @ \$1.25		5 00
7 Women's Fishing @ \$2.25		15 75
1 Non-resident Fishing @ \$7.75		7 75
1 Duplicate @ \$.50		50
7 Sporting and Trapping (over 70 years)		Free
1 Old Age Assistance Fishing		Free
2 Military Sporting		Free
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99 licenses issued	\$	330 00

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Fees retained 25c each except duplicate and free	22 00
Net Return	\$ 308 00

Sporting licenses may be issued as early as the last week in December. For 1955 the number is printed on the reverse side of the license and is carried in a small plastic container. Sportsmen should display it on their outer clothing whenever hunting, fishing, or trapping.

The act to issue free sporting licenses to members of the military or naval service was repealed in 1954. Information regarding the changes in requirements for hunting licenses issued to minors between the ages of fifteen and eighteen may be obtained from the clerk.

## Action Taken at Town Meetings During 1954

MARCH 1, 1954

Votes on election of officers, appropriations, and routine articles have been omitted.

### IT WAS VOTED:

#### Article 1

That the annual town report be accepted as printed.

#### Article 8

To transfer to Surplus Revenue the sum of \$800.00 which amount was transferred from the Disability Assistance account to the Department of Public Welfare Perpetual Administration account, under Article 5 of the warrant for the special town meeting held on Dec. 29, 1953; it was also voted that a committee consisting of Roger Lonergan, Donald Agar and a third member to be appointed by them investigate the public welfare administration accounts.

#### Article 10

To transfer \$1,000.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account.

#### Article 11

To accept two trust funds of \$100.00 each left for the care of cemetery lots — the first from Irving Mullet for Lot No. 71, South Cemetery, the second from T. F. Murphy, for Lot No. 67, Pine Grove Cemetery.

#### Article 12

That the sum of \$1,100.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 highway maintenance, and that in addition, the sum of \$12,100.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the state's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the state to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

#### Article 14

That the sum of \$2,750.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of Chapter 90 highway construction, and that, in addition, the sum of \$8,250.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds



in the treasury to meet the state's and county's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the state and county to be restored, upon their receipt to the unappropriated available funds in the treasury, said funds to be used for improvements on South, Spencer and Robinson roads.

Article 15

That the town appropriate from their surplus revenue the sum of \$8,000.00 to be used by the Board of Assessors in figuring the 1954 tax rate, same to help reduce the amount of the tax rate in 1954.

Article 16

To pass over the article relating to raising and appropriating a sum of money for the Oakham Civilian Defense Organization.

Article 20

Voted to authorize the School Committee to set up and operate a school lunch program in the Oakham Center School.

Article 21

That the sum of \$800.00 be raised and appropriated to set up and operate a school lunch program, \$500.00 of this amount to be used to set up the program and to be left in the hands of the Memorial Hall Basement Committee and \$300.00 to be used to operate the program and to be left in the hands of the School Committee.

Article 22

To authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade the International TD9 bulldozer, the proceeds of which to be returned to the Machinery Fund.

Articles 24 and 25

To pass over the articles relating to the raising and appropriating of \$600.00 to improve Gaffney road, and \$1200.00 to improve and oil a section of Scott road.

Article 26

To authorize and direct the selectmen to petition the General Court for authority to convey to the Oakham Evangelical Congregational Church that portion of the Town Common of Oakham as shown on a plan dated February 1954, drawn by R. H. Lonergan, C. E. and entitled "Plan of Land to be Acquired by the



Oakham Evangelical Congregational Church" and also all rights to any rooms of the church building which the town of Oakham may now possess and also the right to take water by the present pipe line from the water system in the Memorial Hall Building, and to maintain, replace, and repair said pipe line between the Memorial Hall Building and the Church building, and also the right to connect to and use the town sewage disposal system which now serves the Memorial Hall and Center School.

APRIL 22, 1954

IT WAS VOTED:

Article 1

That the sum of \$1,000.00 be transferred from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account, \$860.00 of this amount to be used towards the purchase of a tractor loader and the remainder to be used for ordinary maintenance charges.

Article 2

Chairman of the Selectmen, Roger H. Lonergan submitted the report of the committee appointed at the annual town meeting to investigate the public welfare administration accounts. The committee, consisting of Selectmen Lonergan, Donald C. Agar and Alfred S. Walker, chosen by them as third member, conferred with State Representative Paul L. Hinckley of Holden, who referred the matter to Herman B. Dine, State Director of Accounts. Mr. Dine ruled that the three accounts under federal grants were legal, but that the account known as the Perpetual Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, and Disabled Assistance Administration Account was not authorized. The committee recommended that the account be frozen until the next special town meeting when the money should be voted back to surplus revenue, and provision made for administration expenses.

JUNE 22, 1954

IT WAS VOTED:

Article 1

That the town convey, and authorize the selectmen to execute the necessary legal documents to convey to the

Evangelical Congregational Church of Oakham that portion of the Town Common shown on plan entitled "Plan of Land to be acquired by the Evangelical Congregational Church of Oakham" drawn by R. H. Lonergan C. E. and dated February, 1954, and that the town also convey to said church the following rights and privileges:

First — All rights which the town now has in the building located on the premises, except that the town shall retain all rights and responsibilities to the town clock which is located in the building.

Second — The right to use water from the present system serving Memorial Hall and Center School and to use, maintain, and replace the existing pipe line between Memorial Hall and the church building.

Third — The right to connect to and use the town sewage system which now serves Memorial Hall and Center School subject to approval by the proper authorities.

#### Article 2

That the selectmen be authorized to enter into a contract with certain other towns under the provisions of Chapter 118B of the General Laws as amended, for the purpose of setting up a welfare district.

#### Article 3

That the Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, and Disabled Assistance Administration Account which was set up as a perpetual account at a special town meeting on Dec. 27, 1951, be discontinued and any and all funds now in the account be returned to the excess and deficiency account.

#### Article 4

That the sum of \$500.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to set up a Public Welfare Administration Account to be used for public welfare administration expenses during the remainder of the year.

#### Article 5

That the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for use by the Board of Public Welfare for Aid to Dependent Children during the remainder of the year.

## Article 6

That the sum of \$1200.00 be raised and appropriated for use by the Board of Public Welfare for Disability Assistance during the remainder of the year.

## Article 7

That the sum of \$500.0 be transferred from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account to be used for ordinary maintenance expenses during the remainder of the year.

NOVEMBER 9, 1954

## IT WAS VOTED TO TRANSFER:

## Article 1

The sum of \$500.00 from the Public Welfare Aid to Dependent Children Account to the Public Welfare General Relief Account.

## Article 2

The sum of \$1,000.00 from the Public Welfare Disability Assistance Account to the Public Welfare Old Age Assistance Account.

## Article 3

The sum of \$500.00 from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account.

DOROTHY P. DAY, Clerk



## Report of the BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### APPOINTMENTS

Inspector of Animals	W. Francis Brennan
Inspector of Slaughtering	W. Francis Brennan
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Frederick G. Stone
Fire Warden	Leonard A. Hardy
Moth Superintendent	J. Fred Allen
Burial Agent	Arthur Webb
Janitor of Town Hall	Winthrop H. Boyd
Dog Officer	Waclaw S. Smichinski
Veterans Agent	Anthony A. Lupa
Superintendent of Streets	Ralph T. Young, Jr.
Wire Inspector	Ralph L. Downer
Civilian Defense Director	W. Francis Brennan
Town Counsel	Ralph W. Igoe
Chief of Police	Harold E. Black, Jr.

### Special Police Officers

Frederick G. Stone	Walter W. Nelson
Leonard A. Hardy	William N. Wareing
Walter E. Cole	O. Haro'd Erickson

### JURORS

George W. Stone	Contractor
Eugene A. Cheruby	Retired Millworker
Walter W. Nelson	Group Leader, Norton Co.
Alexander B. Crawford	Farmer
Dorothy P. Day	Homemaker
Willard C. Rutherford	Poultry Farmer
Charles S. Thurlow,	Inspector, Economic Mach. Co.

### LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

- 1 license to store gasoline.
- 1 license to operate an arc. gas and associated welding shop.
- 1 Permit to purchase firearms.
- 5 Pistol permits.

**FINANCES**

Total Number of Warrants Approved	36
Total Amount of Payments Approved	\$130,028 33
Deposits of Bequests and Repayment of Loans	20,200 00
Deposits of Withholding and Dog Taxes	3,274 54
Total Actual Expenditures	106,553 79

**DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES**

Streets and Highways	\$ 43,906 51
Schools, Libraries and Education	34,263 60
Welfare and Charities	15,707 37
General Government	5,979 03
Protection to Persons and Property	1,991 16
Miscellaneous	4,706 12
Total	\$106,553 79

**SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES****Appropriation Accounts**

Account	Available	Expended	Balance
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,610 00	\$ 1,610 00	\$ 0 00
Town Officers' Supplies	500 00	366 50	133 50
Bonding Town Officers	100 00	95 50	4 50
Schools	29,721 31	28,203 79	1,517 52
Special Appropriation for overdraft (Schools)	134 00	134 00	0 00
Public Welfare			
Old Age Assistance	11,216 71	11,110 11	106 60
Aid to Dependent Children	636 25	458 50	177 75
Disability Assistance	1,997 41	1,363 31	634 10
General Relief	1,500 00	1,377 28	122 72
Administration	500 00	419 21	80 79
Street Lights	396 00	392 04	3 96
Board of Health	25 00	0 00	25 00
Elections and Registrations	225 00	192 19	32 81
Inspector of Animals	35 00	35 00	0 00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25 00	25 00	0 00
Police	50 00	50 00	0 00
Printing	600 00	592 60	7 40
Memorial Day	125 00	125 00	0 00
Dog Officer	33 85	38 85	0 00
Sealer of Wts. & Meas.	10 00	10 00	0 00
Miscellaneous	175 20	175 20	0 00
Library	\$ 2,387 74	\$ 2,277 44	\$ 110 30



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Account	Available	Expended	Balance
Cemeteries	789 29	728 29	0 00
Fire Department	1,400 00	1,399 97	0 03
Veterans Benefits	350 00	15 20	334 80
Moth Suppression	210 04	196 35	13 69
Dutch Elm Disease	105 02	100 99	4 03
Employees Compensation			
Insurance	894 89	665 60	229 29
Fire Insurance	600 00	420 68	179 32
Memorial Hall Maintenance	622 83	622 83	0 00
Tree Warden	50 00	50 00	0 00
Inspector of Wires	25 00	25 00	0 00
Worcester County			
Retirement	426 31	426 31	0 00
Town Common	60 00	60 00	0 00
4-H Clubs	100 00	99 67	0 33
Funded Debt	2,000 00	2,000 00	0 00
Interest on Funded Debt	500 00	449 00	51 00
School Lunch (Set up)	800 00	799 70	0 30
School Lunch (Operate)	300 00	300 00	0 00
Water Tank Installation	500 00	457 20	42 80
Insurance - Old Town Hall	27 50	0 00	27 50
Memorial Hall			
Basement Imp.	1,000 00	998 63	1 37
Highways			
Chap. 81 Maint.	\$ 13,200 00	\$ 13,171 96	\$ 28 04
Chap. 90 Maint.	4,200 00	4,124 86	75 14
Chap. 90 Construction			
Contract 14152	6,224 37	6,223 82	0 55
Contract 14821	8,335 09	8,331 81	3 28
Contract 15463	11,000 00	3,710 41	*7,289 59
Snow Removal and			
Sand	4,274 88	4,274 88	0 00
Purchase and			
Maintenance	3,000 00	2,841 77	**158 23
		Trans.	
Reserve Fund	500 00	336 76	163 24
Civilian Defense	225 00	0 00	*225 00
Totals	\$113,391 93	\$101,607 45	\$ 11,784 48

\* Carried over.

\*\* Returned to Machinery Fund.

### ACCOUNTS PAID FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS WITHOUT APPROPRIATION OR TRANSFER

Account	Available	Expended	Balance
Worcester County			
Retirement Expenses	\$ 441 36	\$ 441 36	\$ 0 00
Worcester County Tax	1,500 78	1,500 78	0 00
Dog Tax	279 60	279 60	0 00
Worcester County			
Tubercular Hospital	779 96	779 96	0 00
School Lunch Fund	1,500 73	1,500 73	0 00
Hurricane Relief			
Carol	\$ 169 40	\$ 169 40	\$ 0 00
Edna	665 56	665 56	0 00
Federal Withholding Tax	2,553 58	2,553 58	0 00
State Parks and			
Reservations	96 46	96 46	0 00
Alden Fund	199 00	199 00	0 00
Excise Tax Refunds	30 45	30 45	0 00
Tax Levy Adjustments	4 00	4 00	0 00
Totals	\$ 8,220 88	\$ 8,220 88	\$ 0 00

### BEQUESTS

Account	Received	Deposited	Balance
Cemetery perpetual			
care bequests	\$ 200 00	\$ 200 00	\$ 0 00
Library Trust Fund	5,000 00	5,000 00	0 00
Totals	5,200 00	5,200 00	0 00

### LOANS

Account	Borrowed	Repaid	Balance
Highway Maintenance and			
Construction Loan	\$ 15,000 00	\$ 15,000 00	\$ 0 00

### TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation	\$ 1,610 00
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Paid To	Office	Amount
Dorothy P. Day, Town Clerk		\$ 125 00
John P. O'Donnell, Selectman		75 00
Roger H. Lonergan, Selectman		100 00
Walter W. Nelson, Selectman		75 00
W. Francis Brennan, Assessor		75 00
Ludwick Szczucka, Assessor		75 00

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Chester M. Rood, Chairman, Assessor	100 00
Dorothy P. Day, Clerk	50 00
Donald C. Agar, Board of Pub. Welfare	15 00
Marguerite M. Troy, Board of Public Welfare	15 00
Walter G. Chapman, Clerk, Board of Public Welfare	25 00
Walter G. Chapman, Treasurer	400 00
Walter G. Champan, Tax Collector	350 00
Philip E. Dwelly, School Committee	10 00
Mary H. Parsons, Clerk, School Comm.	25 00
Willard C. Rutherford, School Comm.	10 00
O. Harold Erickson, Auditor	75 00
Leroy C. Spinney, Moderator	10 00

Total Expenditures	\$ 1,610 00
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 0 00
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**Town Officers' Supplies**

Appropriation	\$ 500 00
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Paid:

For stationery and office supplies

Davis & Bannister	\$ 13 89
Hobbs & Warren	47 19
North Brookfield News	31 93
Barre Publishing Co.	15 68

Abstracts

Worcester County Abstract Co.	27 83
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Stamps, cards and registered mail

Dorothy P. Day	\$ 7 30
Roger H. Lonergan	5 00
Walter G. Chapman	19 71
Orton O. Butler	86 65

Office Equipment

P. W. Sherman, Inc.	93 40
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Miscellaneous

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Total Expenditures	\$ 366 50
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 133 50
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**Public Welfare**

See Report of the Board of Public Welfare



**Street Lights**

Appropriation		\$	396 00
Paid			
Worcester County Electric Co.	\$	392 94	
Total Expenditures			392 04
Unexpended Balance		\$	3 96

**Bonding Town Officers**

Appropriation		\$	100 00
Paid			
Robert Dea	\$	90 50	
Healy Bros.		5 00	
Total Expenditures			95 50
Unexpended Balance		\$	4 50

**Elections and Registrations**

Appropriation		\$	225 00
Paid			
For registering voters etc.			
Dorothy P. Day	\$	21 00	
Town Meetings			
Donald C. Agar, Constable		10 00	
Leonard A. Hardy, Constable		15 00	
Census			
Mary E. Spinney		35 00	
Ballot Clerks			
Marguerite M. Troy		24 00	
Annie C. Robinson		24 00	
Rita A. Dod		9 00	
Josephine Stone		6 00	
Lila Wilbur		9 00	
Mary R. Arms		9 00	
Ann Beland		9 00	
Fannie Tucker		6 00	
Ballots			
Barre Publishing Company		15 19	
Total Expenditures		\$	192 19
Unexpended Balance		\$	32 81

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**Inspector of Animals**

Appropriation		\$	35 00
Paid			
W. Francis Brennan	\$	35 00	
Total Expenditures		\$	35 00
Unexpended Balance			0 00

**Inspector of Slaughtering**

Appropriation		\$	25 00
Paid			
W. Francis Brennan	\$	25 00	
Total expenditures		\$	25 00
Unexpended Balance		\$	0 00

**Printing**

Appropriation		\$	600 00
Annual Report			
Barre Publishing Company	\$	326 54	
Assessors' Report			
Barre Publishing Company		157 29	
Discussion Meeting Data Sheet			
Rutland Training Center		7 00	
Forms, etc.			
Davol Press		1 50	
Barre Publishing Company		84 10	
Stationary			
Barre Publishing Company		16 17	
Total Expenditures		\$	592 60
Unexpended Balance		\$	7 40

**Memorial Day Expenses**

Appropriation		\$	125 00
Paid			
American Legion Post No. 378	\$	125 00	
Total Expenditures		\$	125 00
Unexpended Balance		\$	0 00



**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Appropriation	\$10 00 plus fees
Paid	
Frederick G. Stone	\$ 10 00
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Total Expenditures	\$ 10 00
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 0 00

**Miscellaneous**

Appropriation	\$ 150 00
Transferred from Selectmen's Reserve	25 20
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Available	\$ 175 20
Paid	
Dues for town officers	
Selectmen	\$ 16 00
Town Clerk	11 50
Tax Collector and Treasurer	5 00
Assessors	9 00
Telephone 15	
Conant and Parker, Oakham and	
Coldbrook Telephone Co.	54 20
Town Counsel	
Ralph W. Igoe	50 00
Recording Vital Statistics	
Dorothy P. Day	10 00
Miscellaneous items:	
R. Gallagher, Registrar	\$ 7 00
Director of Accounts	2 00
Worc. County Trust Co.	5 50
Worc. County Treasurer	5 00
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Total Expenditures	\$ 175 20
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 0 00

**Veterans Benefits**

Appropriation	\$ 350 00
Paid	
Dues — Mass. Veterans	
Service Association	\$ 10 00

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Mileage — Anthony A. Lupa	5 20	
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Total Expenditures		\$ 15 20
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$ 324 80

**Employees Compensation Insurance**

Appropriation		\$ 675 00
Paid		
Frank A. Smith & Son	\$ 665 60	
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Total Expenditures		\$ 665 60
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$ 9 40

**Fire Insurance — Town Buildings**

Appropriation		\$ 600 00
Paid		
Smiley Kingsbury Inc.	\$ 30 40	
Frank A. Smith & Son	252 77	
I. E. Irish, Inc.	137 51	
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Total Expenditures		\$ 420 68
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$ 179 32

**Memorial Hall Maintenance**

Appropriation		\$ 600 00
Transferred from Selectmen's Res.		22 83
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Total Available		\$ 622 83
Paid		
Janitor — Winthrop H. Boyd	\$ 120 00	
Repairs and Alterations		
John Mann	\$ 101 00	
Chester M. Rood	5 95	
Ralph I. Daniels	18 15	
R. T. Quigley	10 00	
Piano Tuning - C. Arthur Hanson	5 00	
Electricity - Worc. County Elec. Co.	337 44	
Misc. Supplies		
Holden Hardware Co.	7 79	

Kesseli & Morse	17 50	
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Total Expenditures		\$ 622 83
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$ 0 00

#### Worcester County Retirement Assessment

Appropriation		\$ 426 31
Paid		
A. G. Lajoie,		
Worc. Co. Treas.	\$ 426 31	
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Total Expenditures		\$ 426 31
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$ 0 00

#### Care of Town Common

Appropriation		\$ 60 00
Paid		
Troop 144, Boy Scouts of America	\$ 60 00	
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Total Expenditures		\$ 60 00
Unexpended Balance		\$ 0 00

#### 4-H Clubs

Appropriation		\$ 100 00
Paid		
For equipment and supplies		
Fullam Hardware	\$ 17 00	
Holden Hardware	6 20	
Collins Dry Goods	10 37	
R T. Quigley	8 69	
Chaffins Farmers Market	3 00	
Ted's Mill Ends	29 66	
Orton Butler	2 65	
Mary H. Parsons	12 10	
Mabel Cassault	10 00	
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Total Expenditures		\$ 99 67
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$ 0 33

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**Funded and Fixed Debt**

Appropriation		\$ 2,000 00
Paid		
Worcester County Trust Co.	\$ 2,000 00	
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Total Expenditures		\$ 2,000 00
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 0 00

**Interest on Funded and Fixed Debt**

Appropriation		\$ 500 00
Paid		
Worcester County Trust Co.	\$ 449 00	
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Total Expenditures		\$ 449 00
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 51 00

**Installation of Water Tank at Town Hall**

Appropriation		\$ 500 00
Paid		
For furnishing and connecting		
500 gallon water tank		
Garfield Wright	\$ 345 00	
For other work in connection with		
installation of tank		
Labor		
Percy Wilbur	\$ 20 00	
Edward H. Kennan	20 00	
W. Francis Brennan	20 00	
Ralph T. Young, Jr.	13 20	
Equipment		
Edgar Sykes. Backhoe	25 00	
No. Brookfield Highway Dept.		
Compressor	14 00	
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Total Expenditures		\$ 457 20
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 42 80

**Insurance - Old Town Hall**

Appropriation		\$ 27 50
Total Expenditures		0 00
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 27 50



**Special Appropriation for Overdraft - Schools**

Appropriation	\$	134 00
Paid		
E. P. Wine	\$	134 00
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Total Expenditures	\$	134 00
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Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

**Dog Officer**

Appropriation	\$	25 00
Transferred from Selectmen's Reserve		13 85
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Total Available	\$	38 85
Paid		
For expenses and services		
Waclaw S. Smichinski	\$	38 85
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Total Expenditures	\$	38 85
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Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

**Library**

See Report of Library Trustees

**Cemeteries**

See Report of Cemetery Commissioners

**Fire Department**

See report of Fire Warden

**Moth Suppression and Dutch Elm Disease Control**

See report of Moth Superintendent

**Tree Warden**

Appropriation	\$	50 00
Paid		
For removing trees and branches		
Labor		
Roscoe Crawford	\$	10 00
Ralph Bullard		10 00
Percy Wilbur		10 00
Wesley Dwelly		10 00
Equipment		
Roscoe Crawford, power saw	\$	10 00
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Total Expenditures	\$	50 00
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Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00



**Alden Fund**

The Mary Lincoln Alden Memorial Fund was created in 1917 by George I. Alden in memory of his wife, Mary Lincoln Alden.

This fund is administered by the Board of Selectmen under the following terms:

The balance of the income shall be used for the care and relief of needy, sick persons in the town. The word "care" and "relief" shall be interpreted liberally, and such income may be used for nursing, delicacies and such other things as may contribute to the comfort and happiness of such persons in their sickness.

The Board of Selectmen have attempted to administer this fund in a manner which would meet with the approval of the benefactor.

**Alden Fund**

Withdrawn from income of fund		\$ 199 00
Paid		
For hospital supplies		
Lincoln Pharmacy	\$ 18 00	
For baskets of fruits, etc.		
Orton O. Butler	140 00	
Joseph Britton	8 50	
For flowers		
H. Elgin Belcher	30 00	
Miscellaneous	2 50	
Total Expenditures		\$ 199 00

**Worcester County Tubercular Hospital**

Amount assessed the Town of Oakham by the County Commissioners for hospital care and for maintenance of the Worcester County Tubercular Hospital \$ 779 96

Withdrawn from Excess and Deficiency Account \$ 779 96

Paid  
To Alexander G. Lajoie,  
Worcester County Treasurer \$ 779 96

**Federal Withholding Tax**

Funds withheld from town employees for Federal Withholding Tax  
Amount Withheld \$ 2,553 38  
Paid  
District Director of Internal Revenue \$ 2,553 58

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**Dog Tax Account**

Dog Taxes collected by Town Clerk	\$	298 00
Less fees to clerk		18 40
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Net amount	\$	279 60
Turned over to Alexander G. Lajoie, County Treasurer	\$	279 60

**Police**

Appropriation	\$	50 00
Paid		
Max Stayman for badges	\$	17 00
Harold L. Black, Jr., for services as Chief of Police		33 00
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Total Expenditures	\$	50 00
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Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

**Selectmen's Reserve Fund**

Appropriation	\$	500 00
Transferred to		
Snow Removal and Sanding	\$	274 88
Miscellaneous		25 20
Memorial Hall Maintenance		22 83
Dog Officer		13 85
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Total amount transferred	\$	336 76
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Unexpended Balance	\$	163 24

**Hurricane Relief - Carol**

Withdrawn from E. & D. Account	\$	169 40
Paid		
For clearing debris from highways		
Labor		
Ralph T. Young, Jr.	\$	59 40
Percy Wilbur		50 00
Roscoe Crawford		40 00
Stephen L. Barr		20 00
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Total Expenditures	\$	169 40
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Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

**Hurricane Relief - Edna**

Withdrawn from E. & D. Account	\$	665 56
Paid		
For clearing debris and replacing culvert		
Labor		
Ralph T. Young, Jr.	\$	39 60
Percy Wilbur		50 00
Weikko Nahkala		7 50
Walter E. Cole		7 50
Roscoe Crawford		40 00
Stephen L. Barr		20 00
Edward H. Kennan		15 00
Equipment		
Ralph T. Young, Jr., shovel		153 60
Materials		
New England Metal Culvert Co.		332 36
Total Expenditures	\$	665 56
Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

**Highway Maintenance and Construction Loan**

Borrowed from Worcester County Trust Co.	\$ 15,000 00
Repaid to Worcester County Trust Co.	15,000 00

**Highways**

## Chapter 90 Construction

Account	Total Expenses	Total Reimbursement	Net Outlay
Chapter 81 Maint.	\$ 13,171 96	\$ 12,074 35	\$ 1,097 61
Chapter 90 Maint.	4,124 86	2,749 91	1,374 95
Cont. 14152	6,223 82	4,667 95	1,555 95
Cont. 14821	8,331 81	6,248 86	2,082 95
Cont. 15463	3,710 41	2,782 81	927 60
Snow Removal & Sand	4,274 88		4,274 88
Purchase & Maint.	2,841 77		2,841 77
Totals	\$ 42,679 51	\$ 28,523 80	\$ 14,155 71

**Machinery Fund**

Balance on hand, January 1, 1954	\$	1,254 20
Auditors adjustment		573 61
Total Receipts from machinery rentals		3,596 60

## Transferred to Machinery Account

April 22, 1954	\$ 1,000 00
June 22, 1954	500 00
November 9, 1954	500 00
March 1, 1954	1,000 00

Total	\$ 3,000 00
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Returned from Machinery Account 12-31-54	\$ 158 23
Balance on hand January 1, 1955	\$ 2,582 64

**State Parks and Reservations**

Withdrawn from Excess and Deficiency Acct.	\$ 96 46
Paid	
Treasurer of the Commonwealth	\$ 96 46

**Worcester County Retirement System  
Withheld from Employees**

Withheld from employees	\$ 441 36
Paid to Alexander G. Lajoie	
Worcester County Treasurer	\$ 441 36

**Worcester County Tax Assessment**

Withdrawn from Excess and Deficiency Acct.	\$ 1,500 78
Paid to Alexander G. Lajoie	
Worcester County Treasurer	\$ 1,500 78

**Excise Tax Refunds**

Withdrawn from Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	\$ 30 45
Paid on four refunds	\$ 30 45

**Poll Tax Abatements**

Withdrawn from Overlay Surplus	\$ 4 00
Paid on two abatements	\$ 4 00

**Civilian Defense**

Carried over from 1953	\$ 225 00
No expenditures	
On hand December 31, 1954	\$ 225 00

**Schools**

See report of the School Committee



Selectmen's Receipts

Received for	
Pistol permits	\$ 2 50
Sale of surplus goods	15 00
Rental of Memorial Hall	2 00
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Total Receipts	\$ 19 50
Turned over to treasurer	19 50
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Balance on hand December 31, 1954	\$ 0 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. O'DONNELL  
ROGER H. LONERGAN,  
Chairman  
WALTER W. NELSON

## Report of the TOWN TREASURER

Cash on hand, Jan. 1st, 1954	\$ 58,175 04	
Received from all sources	129,597 57	
See summary for detail		
Paid on Selectmen's Warrants (Operating)		\$106,553 79
Paid on Selectmen's Warrants (Agency Accts.)		23,474 54
State Audit correction for 1953		10 46
Cash on hand, December 31st, 1954		57,733 82
	<hr/> \$ 187,772 61	\$ 187,772 61

### TRUST FUNDS

Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1954	\$ 32,586 33	
Mass. Investors Trust Stock dividend	77 12	
Cemetery Perpetual Care funds	376 72	
Gifford legacy for Library	5,000 00	
Interest on Bonds (Rehabilitation)	25 00	
Interest paid on Library Trust Accts.	102 60	
Interest paid on Post War account	3 92	
Adjustment in Value, Mass. Invest. Tr. Co.	1,672 66	
Withdrawal from Cemetery Funds		\$ 287 79
Withdrawal from Library Funds		1,340 18
Balance on hand Dec. 31st, 1954		38,216 38
	<hr/> \$ 39,844 35	\$ 39,844 35

### SUMMARY OF TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

#### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1st, 1954 all sources		\$ 58,175 04
Alden Fund		
Dividends and bank interest		561 83
Cemeteries		
Annual care of lots	\$ 82 00	
Sale of Lots	60 00	
Perpetual care funds received	100 00	
Drawn from Trust Funds	289 29	
	<hr/>	\$ 531 29
County Treasurer		
Dog Tax Fund refunded	\$ 247 56	
Aid to Highways	5,886 25	
		\$ 6,133 81

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Fire Department		
Fees and permits	\$	18 75

Highway Department		
Machine Rental Account	\$	3,596 60
Refund on Compensation Insurance		219 89
	<hr/>	\$ 3,816 49

Library		
Fines	\$	18 00
Trust Funds withdrawn		1,340 18
	<hr/>	\$ 1,358 18

School Lunch Program		
Milk & Lunch receipts	\$	1,248 80

Selectmen		
Licenses & Permits	\$	15 00
Sale of Lamps		15 00
Refunds		20
Schools		9 00
Congregational Church Deed		1 00
	<hr/>	\$ 40 20

State Treasurer		
Federal Grants, O.A.A. Aid Acct.	\$	5,563 70
Federal Grants, O.A.A, Admin.		
Account		354 36
Federal Grants, A.D.C. Aid Acct.		156 00
Federal Grants, A.D.C. Admin.		
Account		10 13
Federal Grants, D. A. Aid Acct.		787 73
Federal Grants, D.A. Admin. Acct.		56 15
State Reimbursement O.A.A Acct.		3,989 49
State Reimbursement A.D.C. Acct.		121 69
State Reimbursement D.A. Acct.		167 45
State Reimbursement		
D.A. Admin. Acct.		28 07
Federal Grants, School Lunch		
Program		395 78
Income Tax		1,440 00
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax		304 33
Schools Chapter 70		5,300 73
Corporation Tax		1,920 00
Live Stock Control		17 50
Lieu of Taxes		4,054 09
Aid to Highways		20,208 59
General Relief Account State Poor		661 55

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High School Transportation	7,620 20	
Supt. of Schools Salary	195 63	
Vocational Training	18 75	
	<hr/>	\$ 53,371 92
Taxes		
Tax Collector		\$ 38,691 70
Town Clerk		
Dog Tax		\$ 279 60
Trust & Investment Funds		
Library (Gifford Legacy)		\$ 5,000 00
Agency, Withheld Items		
Federal Withholding Tax	\$ 2,448 70	
Worcester County Retirement System	412 36	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,861 06
Old Age Assistance Account		
Cities and Towns	\$ 106 39	
Refunds by Recipients	41 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 147 89
Banks		
Worc. County Trust Co., Highway Loan	\$ 15,000 00	
Ware Savings Bank Interest	325 29	
North Brookfield Savings Bank Interest	210 76	
	<hr/>	\$ 15,536 05
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		\$ 187,772 61

## DISBURSEMENTS

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants	\$ 130,028 33	
Cash on hand December 31st, 1954	57,733 82	
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	\$ 187,772 61	\$ 187,772 61

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. CHAPMAN, Treasurer



BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash	
General	\$ 35,309 76
Petty Cash Library	10 00
	<u>          </u> \$ 35,319 76
Accounts Receivable	
Taxes — Levy 1951	\$
Pers. Prop	76 18
Levy 1952	
Poll Tax	10 00
Personal Prop.	35 36
Real Estate	801 40
Levy 1953	
Poll	10 00
Personal Prop.	411 30
Real Estate	2,975 58
Levy 1954	
Poll	152 00
Personal Prop.	9,648 07
Real Estate	17,246 34
	<u>          </u> \$ 31,366 23
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excises	
Levy of 1952	\$ 12 13
Levy of 1953	85 59

LIABILITIES and RESERVES

State & County Asses. 1954	
State Parks	\$ 96 84
County Tax	1,553 16
	<u>          </u> \$ 1,650 00
Employees' Payroll	
Deductions	
Federal Taxes	\$ 6 92
Co. Retirement System	37 18
	<u>          </u> \$ 44 10
Agency	
County - Dog Licenses	\$ 69 60
Excess - Sale of lands	
of low value	469 95
	<u>          </u> \$ 539 55
Gift to Library	\$ 30 00
Mary Lincoln Alden	
Fund Income	\$
Federal Grants	
Disability Assistance	\$ 319 60
Aid to Dep. Children	
Administration	5 57
Aid	196 74
Old Age Assistance	

Levy of 1954	743 95		Administration	50 49	
Tax Titles and Possessions	\$	841 67	Aid	1,967 40	
Tax Titles	\$ 34 41				\$ 2,539 80
Tax Possessions	63 90		School Lunch Program		257 91
Departmental			Appropriation Balances		
Disability Assistance \$ 11 90			Revenue	\$ 49,938 74	
Old Age Assistance 393 37			Non Revenue - School		
Cemeteries 15 00			house addition	375 67	
					\$ 50,314 41
Aid to Highways		420 27	Overestimated 1954		
State	\$ 27,985 04		T.B. Hospital		
County	8,642 52		Assessment		727 68
			Sale of Cemetery Lots		135 00
Revenue 1955			Receipts reserved for		
Appropriations voted in 1954	\$ 1,700 00	36,627 56	Appropriations		
Estimated Receipts			Road Machinery Rentals		\$ 1,385 81
To be collected	\$ 14,876 31		Reserve Fund		
Ovedrawn Account			Overlay surplus		\$ 4,748 48
Cemetery Department	\$ 115 09		Overlays reserved for		
			Abatements		
			Levy of 1951	\$ 76 18	
			Levy of 1952	846 76	
			Levy of 1953	376 63	
			Levy of 1954	1,435 25	
					\$ 2,734 82
			Revenue reserved until		
			Collected		

Motor Vehicle and		
Trailer Excise	841 67	
Tax Titles and		
Possessions	98 31	
Departmental	420 27	
Aid to Highways	36,627 56	
	<hr/>	\$ 37,987 81
Reserved for Petty Cash		
Advance		\$ 10 00
Surplus Revenue		14,512 81
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		\$ 121,365 20
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	\$ 121,365 20	

## BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31st, 1954

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
CASH		OVER ESTIMATES 1954	
General Banks	\$ 53,885 29	State Parks & Reserv.	38
& Office		County Tax	52 38
Mary Alden Fund		T. B. Hospital Assessment	727 68
(Income)	3,838 53		<u>780 44</u>
Advanced to Library	10 00		
	<u>\$ 57,733 82</u>		
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		AGENCY	
Taxes — Levy of 1951	\$	Excess sale of land	\$
Personal Prop.	49 08	GIFT FOR LIBRARY	
Levy of 1952		Gifford	\$
Poll Tax	2 00	Alden Fund Income	30 00
Personal Prop.	25 16	FEDERAL GRANTS	3,838 53
Real Estate	19 82	Aid to Dep. Children	
Levy of 1953		Administration	\$ 15 70
Poll Tax	8 00	Aid Acct.	274 74
Personal Prop.	258 83	Old Age Assistance	
Real Estate	833 57	Administration	211 86
Levy of 1954		Aid Acct.	2,141 25
Poll Tax	62 00	Disability Asst.	
Personal Prop.	1,138 60	Administration	27 63
Real Estate	3,866 56	Aid Acct.	654 68
	<u>\$ 6,263 62</u>		<u>3,325 86</u>
MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER EXCISE		SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	
Levy of 1952	\$ 4 29	APPROPRIATION BALANCES	\$ 353 48
		Revenue	\$ 8,514 59
		Non-Revenue	375 67



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Levy of 1953	59 54				
Levy of 1954	1,661 12				\$ 8,890 26
TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS					
Tax Titles	\$ 786 33				\$ 165 00
Possessions	63 90				
					\$ 2,582 64
RESERVE FUNDS					
Overlay Surplus					\$ 5,571 39
OVERLAYS RESERVED					
Levy 1951				49 08	
Levy 1952				46 95	
Levy 1953				384 63	
Levy 1954				879 95	
					\$ 1,360 61
REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED					
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$			724 95	
Tax Title & Pos.				850 23	
Departmental				124 88	
Aid to Highways				16,497 90	
					\$ 18,197 96
RESERVE					
Petty cash for Lib.					\$ 10 00
SURPLUS REVENUE					
					39,319 28
					<u>\$ 84,895 40</u>
Levy of 1953	59 54				
Levy of 1954	1,661 12				
					\$ 1,724 95
TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS					
Tax Titles	\$ 786 33				
Possessions	63 90				
					\$ 850 23
DEPARTMENTAL					
Aid to Dependent Children	\$			29 90	
Old Age Assistance				94 98	
					\$ 124 88
AID TO HIGHWAYS					
State of Mass.	\$ 12,347 90				
County of Worcester	4,150 00				
					\$ 16,497 90
REVENUE — 1955					
Appro. 1954, raised 1955					\$ 1,700 00
					<u>\$ 84,895 40</u>

DEBIT ACCOUNTS		
NET FIXED and FUNDED DEBT Inside debt limit Outside debt limit		
	SERIAL LONAS	
	Municipal Bldg. & remodeling loan, 1951	\$ 7,000 00
	Municipal Bldg. and remodeling loan, 1951	3,000 00
	School Bldg. Loan Acts. 1950	8,000 00
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		\$ 18,000 00
TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS		
Cash and Securities	Mary Lincoln Alden Fund	\$ 9,376 41
	Library	
	Alfred Parks Wright Fund	\$ 573 29
	Fobes Memorial Library Fund	4,070 86
	B. P. Clark Library Fund	1,531 74
	G.H.O. Lowell Fund	355 39
	Samuel R. Dean Fund	1,709 88
	Ethel Braman Fund	114 19
	Carl Wheeler Fund	1,000 00
	Harriet F. Gifford Fund	5,000 00
	Cemeteries	
	Perpetual Care Funds	12,866 08

Post War Rehabilitation Fund	1,293 96
Henry Wright Park Fund	324 58
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	\$ 38,216 38

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. CHAPMAN, Treasurer.

## Report of the TAX COLLECTOR

1951—Outstanding January 1st, 1954	\$ 27 10	\$ 76 18
Paid to the Treasurer	27 10	
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1954	49 08	
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	\$ 76 18	\$ 76 18
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1952—Outstanding January 1st, 1954		\$ 2,398 61
Assessors' Abatements	\$ 11 27	
Tax Title Account	23 80	
Paid to the Treasurer	2,316 56	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	46 98	
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	\$ 2,398 61	\$ 2,398 61
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1953—Outstanding January 1st, 1954		\$ 6,457 40
Refunds on Taxes paid		148 40
Assessors' Abatements	154 40	
Tax Title Accounts	487 68	
Paid to the Treasurer	4,863 32	
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1954	1,100 40	
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	\$ 6,605 80	\$ 6,605 80
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1954—Assessors' Commitments 1954		\$ 32,516 88
Refund Overpayment		2 00
Assessors' Abatements	\$ 704 30	
Tax Title Accounts	344 21	
Paid to the Treasurer	26,403 21	
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1954	5,067 16	
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	\$ 32,518 88	\$ 32,518 88
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### Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise

1952—Outstanding January 1st, 1954		\$ 9 21
Assessors' Abatements	\$ 2 00	
Paid to Treasurer	2 92	
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1954	4 29	
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	\$ 9 21	\$ 9 21
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1953—Outstanding January 1st, 1954		\$ 1,166 17
Assessors' Commitments		148 62
Refunds after payment		5 88
Assesors' Abatements	\$ 223 87	
Paid to the Treasurer	1,037 26	
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1954	59 54	
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	\$ 1,320 67	\$ 1,320 67
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1954—Assessors' Commitments		\$ 5,461 32
Refunds after paymnt		24 57
Assessors' Abatements	\$ 46 18	
Paid to the Treasurer	3,778 59	
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1954	1,661 12	
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	\$ 5,485 89	\$ 5,485 89
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## Interest and Costs

Collected		\$ 262 74
Paid to the Treasurer	\$ 262 74	
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	\$ 262 74	\$ 262 74
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## Summary

Total collected on Tax Accounts		\$ 33,610 19
Total Collectd on Motor Vehicle Excises		4,818 77
Total Collected on Interest and Costs		262 74
Paid to Treasurer	\$38,691 70	
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	\$ 38,691 70	\$ 38,691 70
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## Outstanding Taxes and Excises

Taxes		\$ 6,263 62
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excises		1,724 95
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		\$ 7,988 57
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Respectfully submitted,

W. G. CHAPMAN, Tax Collector

Report of the  
AUDITOR

Town of Oakham, Mass. — Year 1954

As Auditor of the Town of Oakham I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, Library Trustees, Librarian, Fire Department and Cemetery Committee.

Cash and securities checked, receipts from all sources checked and found to be correct.

Recommendations for better quarters to handle the necessary Town Accounts. Also to trade in and get some better equipment to work with.

O. HAROLD ERICKSON,

Town Auditor

## Report of the PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

### Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriations	\$	500	00	
Appropriations Town Meeting				
6-22-54		500	00	
Balance in Federal Grant Acct.				
1-1-54		251	24	
Federal Grants accrued and paid		156	00	
State reimbursements received		121	69	
Paid on Selectmen's Warrants				
(Recipients)				454 75
Balance in Federal Grant				
Account 12-31-54				274 74
State reimbursements to Estimated				
Receipts				121 69
Transferred to General Relief Account				500 00
Returned to Revenue				177 75
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	\$	1,528	93	\$ 1,528 93

### SUMMARY

Paid recipients from town funds	\$	454	75
Reimbursements received from			
State and Towns			277 69
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Cost to the Town	\$	177	06

### Old Age Assistance

Appropriations	\$	6,000	00
Transferred from Disability Assist.			
Account		1,000	00
Refunds from Recipients		41	50
Balance in Federal Grant Account			
1-1-54		448	95
Federal Grants Accrued and paid		5,563	70
State Reimbursements paid		4,095	88
Uncollectable account (Waltham)			
to E & D		94	10
Due from other cities and towns		94	98
Paid on Selectmen's Warrants			
(Recipients)			10,764 80
Balance in Federal Grant Account			2,141 25

State reimbursements to Estimated Receipts	4,189 98
Due from other Towns	94 98
Returned to Revenue 12-31-54	148 10
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	\$ 17,339 11    \$ 17,339 11

## SUMMARY

Paid recipients from Town funds	\$ 10,764 80
Received from Federal, State and Towns	9,659 58
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Cost to the Town	\$ 1,105 22

## Disability Assistance

Appropriation	\$ 1,500 00
Appropriation (Town Meeting 6-22-54)	1,200 00
Balance in Federal Grant Account 1-1-54	124 45
Federal Grants accrued and paid	787 73
State reimbursement received	195 52
Paid on Selectmen's Warrants (Recipients)	\$ 1,323 40
Transferred to O.A.A. Account 11-9-54	1,000 00
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts	195 52
Balance in Federal Grant Account	654 68
Return to Revenue	634 10
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	\$ 3,807 70    \$ 3,807 70

## SUMMARY

Paid recipients from Town Funds	\$ 1,323 40
Received from Federal, State and Towns	983 25
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Cost to the Town	\$ 340 15

## General Relief Account

Appropriation	\$ 1,000 00
Transferred from A.D.C. Account 11-9-54	500 00
State account "State Poor" paid	661 55
Paid on Selectmen's Warrants (Recipients)	\$ 1,377 28



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State funds to Estimated Receipts	661 55
Returned to Revenue	122 72

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\$ 2,161 55	\$ 2,161 55
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## SUMMARY

Paid recipients from town funds	\$ 1,377 28
Received from State in reimbursements	661 55

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Cost to the Town	\$ 715 73
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## Administration Account

Appropriation	\$ 500 00
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Balance in A.D.C. Administration Account 1-1-54	9 32
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Balance in O.A.A. Administration Account 1-1-54	202 81
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Federal Grants Accrued and paid	420 64
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Correction by State Audit 8-7-54	11 39
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Paid on Selectmen's Warrants	\$ 808 18
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Transferred to Close account 8-7-54	11 39
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Balance in Federal Grants all categories	255 19
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Return to Revenue	69 40
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\$ 1,144 16	\$ 1,144 16
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## SUMMARY

Paid from Town funds	\$ 808 18
Received from Federal, State and Towns	420 64

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Cost to the Town	\$ 387 54
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Respectfully submitted,

DONALD AGAR, Chairman

MARGUERITE M. TROY

W. G. CHAPMAN

Board of Public Welfare

# Report of the CHARLTON HOME FARM ASSOCIATION

For the year ending December 31st, 1954

## ASSETS

Land and Buildings	\$ 14,000 00	
Deposits in banks	12,147 84	
U. S. Government Bonds (3)	2,895 00	
Personal Property (Inventory)	3,940 50	
Accounts receivable from Towns	1,599 80	
Petty Cash - Warden's Account	300 00	
Cash in Checking Account	960 42	
NET WORTH DECEMBER 31st, 1954		\$ 35,843 56

## RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES

### Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1st, 1954	\$ 1,029 38	
Net income from Farm	563 45	
Withdrawn from Savings Banks	1,000 00	
From Windstorm Insurance	230 00	
From Towns and Boarders	17,480 88	
		\$ 20,303 71

### Expenditures

Operating bills paid	\$ 19,343 29	
Cash in checking account	960 42	
		\$ 20,303 71

## WARDEN'S REPORT

Resident members (Association Towns)	13
Boarders (Non Association Members)	16
Total inmates, December 31st, 1954	29

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD R. PERKINS, President

LESTER P. GATES,  
Secretary and Treasurer

CARL F. DAVIS, Auditor

Report of the  
CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Town Appropriation	\$	500	00
	\$	789	28
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	\$	789	29

## EXPENDITURES

L. A. Hardy	\$	644	85
Robert Hardy		5	00
Daniel Leno		33	75
Jamara Bros - Loam		12	00
Ralph Downer - Trees		22	00
Donald Hardy		3	75
A. Menault - machinery and tools		43	24
Arthur Webb - office expense and auto		24	70
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	\$	789	29
Received Annual Care of Lots		67	00
New Lots		60	00
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	\$	127	00

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR WEBB, Secretary

## Report of the FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$ 1,400 00
Paid		
For truck maintenance & supplies	\$ 110 60	
Labor fighting fires	354 75	
Fuelite Natural Gas Corp., Heat	127 88	
E. P. Wine, Heat	121 50	
Goodwin Fire Protection Co., For Scott Airpak	258 96	
David Deane, Fire fighting supplies	68 00	
Frank A. Smith & Son. Insurance	325 88	
N. E. Fire Chiefs' Association	3 00	
Conant & Parker, Telephone	29 40	
Total Expenditures		\$ 1,399 97
Unexpended Balance		\$ 0 03

There were 17 fires during the year as follows:

- 4—Building fires.
- 7—Brush and grass fires.
- 3—Chimney fires.
- 3—Dump fires.

The estimated loss from building fires during 1954 was \$23,860.00.

Thirty eight permits were issued as follows:

- 11 Fuel oil storage permits.
- 13 Oil burner installation permits.
- 3 Range oil storage permits.
- 7 L.P. gas permits.
- 4 Gasoline storage permits.

\$18.75 in fees was received and turned over to the town treasurer.

During the year 10 wells and 6 cellars were pumped out.

The tank truck which the department purchased in 1953 has been changed over so that it can operate as a second fire truck as well as in conjunction with the big truck. All of the work converting the truck was done by the men of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief, Leonard A. Hardy



## Report of the MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

### Moth Suppression

Appropriation		\$	210 04
Expended for labor	\$	196 35	
Total Expenditures			196 35
Unexpended Balance		\$	13 69

### Dutch Elm Control

Appropriation		\$	105 02
Expended for labor	\$	100 00	
Misc, Expenses		0 99	
Total Expenditures		\$	100 99
Unexpended Balance		\$	4 03

Eight elm trees infected with Dutch Elm disease were removed and destroyed by Moth crew with help of a crew from the Department of Conservation.

One elm was reported destroyed on Metropolitan District Commission land by the M.D.C. crew.

One elm was reported destroyed on State Highway property by a Dept. of Public Works crew.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FRED ALLEN,  
Moth Superintendent

## Report of the Trustees of FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Your Board of Trustees have experienced a very active year. A number of very necessary repairs have been made. A very stubborn leak in the roof, near the chimney, we believe has been stopped. An unsatisfactory paint job has been replaced while several permanent improvements have been added among them being the installation of toilet facilities with running water to necessary locations within the building. In order to accomplish this it was found necessary to practically rewire the entire building and this has now been done. We believe that this work of installing a permanent improvement each year should continue and would recommend the installation of casement windows to affect a saving in fuel costs. There is a foundation repair that should be made within a reasonable time.

The following is a statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Fiscal year 1954:-

### RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$ 800 00
Received from the refund on Dog Taxes	247 56
Withdrawal from the Fobes Library Fund	724 08
Withdrawal from the Clark Fund	616 10

### DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries - Librarian and Custodian	\$ 308 00
Miscellaneous Expense including P.C.	25 97
Lights	31 60
Books, Periodicals, etc.	328 20
Fuel Oil	299 47
Furniture & Equipment	95 45
Library supplies	30 50
Repairs	
Roof and Chimney	64 75
Painting (Replacement on contract)	100 00
Wiring for pump, etc.	214 00
Cleaning clock	30 00
Permanent Improvements	
Toilet, Septic tank, Piping, etc.	706 50
Excavating for same	40 00

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Reserved for Petty Cash Account	10 00	
RETURNED TO REVENUE	103 30	
	\$ 2,387 74	\$ 2,387 74

## TRUST and INVESTMENT FUNDS

## BALANCES

Alfred Park Wright Fund	\$	573	29
Fobes Memorial Library Fund		4,070	86
B. P. Clark Library Fund		1,531	74
J. H. O. Lowell Library Fund		355	39
Samuel R. Dean Library Fund		1,709	88
Ethel Braman Library Fund		114	19
Carl Wheeler Library Fund		1,000	00
Harriet F. Gifford Library Fund		5,000	00
Total		\$ 14,355	35

Respectfully submitted,

WINIFRED B. LANE, Chairman

RAYMOND H. FIELD

PHILIP B. BURGESS

## Board of Trustees



## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

### Report to the Trustees of Fobes Memorial Library

At the beginning of the year there were 3285 books on the shelves. Throughout the year 410 new and donated books were added (250 children's books, 160 adult books): Total of 3693 books. 105 books were removed, i.e., at present there are 3588 books on the shelves.

At this time I wish to express appreciation to all friends who have given us books and other gifts. Twenty-four adults and children have made application for cards.

The Sugden Library of Spencer has loaned us 119 books (57 western; 62 detective and mystery).

For the "Adult Adventure in Reading" group, 36 books have been loaned from the Haskins Library of North Brookfield; and 21 books from the Congregational Library of Boston.

Sixteen books were loaned by Albert Parkman. The majority of which are to be used for high school reading.

Books in circulation this year amounted to 5055. From our own shelves: 3739 to school children; 642 to adults. Books on loan: 594 to adults; 80 to school children.

There were twenty-two magazine subscriptions on the table. 700 copies were in circulation this year. The magazines are as follows: Advance (gift), Our Dumb Animals (gift), Better Homes and Gardens, Reader's Digest (gift), Science Digest, Etude, Good Housekeeping, National Geographic, Ladies Home Journal, Holiday, Popular Mechanics, Jr. Natural History, Open Road for Boys, Parents Magazine, P.-T.A. Magazine, Saturday Evening Post, Life, Sport, Sports Illustrated, Consumers Buying Guide, Consumers Report, Time.

Sports Illustrated is a new subscription as of August, and one of the most popular.

There were sixteen State Reading Certificates issued at the school in June.

The Story Hour was considerably enlarged this summer. Twenty-eight pre-school children (3-6 yrs.) were entertained by Mrs. Ethel Morse. Twenty children in the First and Second Grades were entertained by Miss Dorothy Day.

Ice cream and cookies were served at the close of the nine weeks session. No attendance awards were given,



as the attendance varied, but small parcels of candy were given to each child.

It has been a great pleasure to be able to supply material requested by the high school students for their book reports. A list of books of required reading was sent to the library, and I am pleased to report that we have on our shelves a good number of the books listed.

The installation of the water system is greatly appreciated.

Nineteen hundred and fifty-four has been a good year.

Respectfully submitted,

LILA WILBUR, Librarian

Fobes Memorial Library — December 1954

## Report of the BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	\$ 25 00
Departmental Receipts	4 50
Expenditures	None
Receipts turned over to treasurer	\$ 4 50
Unexpended Balance	<hr/> \$ 25 00

### LICENSES and PERMITS ISSUED

1—Recreational Camp License	@ \$ 0 50
4—Licenses to sell milk and cream	2 00
2—Licenses to sell oleomargarine	1 00
1—License to collect and transport garbage	0 50
1—License to sell ice cream, candy etc., on Sunday	0 50
Total	\$4 50

2 DOG BITE CASES INVESTIGATED

7 CONTAGIOUS DISEASES REPORTED

4 PERMITS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL ISSUED

4 OUTPATIENT EXAMINATIONS - Worcester County  
Hospital.

2 INVESTIGATIONS OF PUBLIC NUISANCES

1 INVESTIGATION OF WATER CONTAMINATION

Respectfully submitted ,

WALTER W. NELSON, Chairman

JOHN P. O'DONNELL

ROGER H. LONERGAN

Report of the  
WIRE INSPECTOR

Appropriation		\$	25 00
Paid			
Ralph L. Downer	\$	25 00	
Total Expenditures		\$	25 00
Unexpended Balance		\$	0 00

In the year 1954 I have inspected and passed the following:

- 6—Service installations from 110 volts to 220 volts.
- 2—Service entrances.
- 3—Revamping work on buildings or cellars.
- 12—Oil burner installations.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH L. DOWNER,

Wire Inspector.

# Report of the HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

JANUARY 1, 1954 — December 31, 1954

## Chapter 81 Maintenance

Appropriation	
State	\$ 12,100 00
Town	1,100 00
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Total	\$ 13,200 00

### EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$ 4,229 70
Town Equipment (Machinery Rentals)	1,734 40

#### Outside Equipment:

Blake, Levi Jr., truck	\$ 62 50
DeMarco, Michael, truck	456 75
Town of Hardwick, roller	40 00
Jamara Bros., trucks	511 50
Jamara Bros., sander	34 00
Howe, Charles, power saw	10 00
Kazemekas, Benny, truck	68 00
McDonald & Donovan, truck	44 00
Town of New Braintree, grader	390 00
Town of North Brookfield, broom	28 00
Town of Rutland, hone	5 00
Sykes, Edgar, truck	132 00
Young, R. T., Jr., shovel	816 00
Young, R. T. Jr., power saw	22 50
Young, R. T. Jr., truck	308 00
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	\$ 2,928 25

#### Material:

Files Equipment Co., signs	\$ 102 57
Furnace Grain & Coal, cement	14 06



Holden Trap Rock Co.,			
stone dust	15	41	
Holden Trap Rock Co. ,			
1/2" stone	28	22	
Ind. Coal Tar Co.,			
tar and asphalt	3,029	85	
Jamara Bros., sand	441	75	
New England Culvert Co.,			
culverts	304	96	
Wisnewski, Martin, gravel	8	00	
Worc. Chemical Dist.			
Corp., calcium	219	29	
Young, R. T. Jr., gravel	14	00	
Zukuz, William, gravel	101	50	
			\$ 4,279 61
Total Expenditures			\$ 13,171 96
Unexpended Balance - To Revenue			28 04
			\$ 13,200 00    \$ 13,200 00

### Chapter 81 Maintenance — Individual Road Costs

Adams Road, No. 36	\$ 304 31
Barre Road, No. 30	776 12
Bechan Road, No. 16	405 46
Bullard Road, No. 32	277 30
Coldbrook Road, No. 8	311 52
Common Drive, No. 43	96 91
Crawford Road, No. 18	137 01
Crocker Nye Road, No. 40	331 32
East Hill Road, No. 3	266 95
Edson Road, No. 33	288 80
Flint Road, No. 15	20 00
Gaffney Road, No. 38	812 43
George's Lane, No. 37	165 55
Hapgood Road, No. 24	26 58
Happy Hollow Road, No. 34	61 57
Hunt Road, No. 35	573 26
Lincoln Road, No. 28	1,099 28
Lupa Road, No. 17	1,014 77
Maple Street, No. 29	79 29
New Braintree Road, No. 2	1,355 74
North Brookfield Road, No. 1	361 44
Old Turnpike Road, No. 20	562 70
Parmenter Road, No. 11	236 26
Robinson Road, No. 10	164 37

Rutherford Road, No. 27	186 20
Rutland Road, No. 22	77 64
Sanders Road, No. 12	165 60
Scott Road, No. 39	1,056 31
South Road, No. 13	412 51
Spencer Road, No. 14	673 95
Stone Road, No. 26	102 16
Swindle Road, No. 26	7 11
Town Hall Drive, No. 44	42 75
Ware Corner Road, No. 9	493 59
Whitney Road, No. 41	122 63
Signs	102 57
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	\$ 13,171 96

#### Chapter 81 Maintenance — Operation Breakdown

Brush	\$ 1,581 55
Drainage	2,885 67
Gravel	1,304 60
Grade	623 40
Surface Treatment	4,199 28
Calcium Chloride	274 12
Ledge	25 00
Signs	102 57
Patch	1,370 00
Scraping	721 40
Reserve	84 37
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	\$ 13,171 96

#### Chapter 90 Construction

Contract 14821 — Robinson Road  
(Carried over from 1953)

Appropriation	
State	\$ 6,251 32
Town	2,083 77
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Total	\$ 8,335 09

#### EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$ 1,885 20
Town Equipment (Machinery Rentals	517 80
Outside Equipment:	
DeMarco, Michael,	
truck	\$ 303 50

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Jamara Bros, trucks	517 00	
Kennan, Edward H., 2" pump	17 00	
Sykes, Edgar, truck	68 00	
Young, R. T., bulldozer	639 00	
Young, R. T. Jr., pump	17 00	
Young, R. T. Jr., shovel	998 40	
Young, R. T. Jr., truck	286 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,845 90

## Material:

Geo. F. Blake Co., reinforcing rods	51 49	
Conant, Mary, files	90	
Curtis, R. T., concrete	1,851 95	
Eastern Equipment Co., pump rental	343 10	
Finan Express Co., shipping charge	6 78	
Fullam Lumber Co., form wire	60 00	
Furnace Grain Co., cement	14 30	
Hedge & Mattheis Co., post forms	57 50	
Huckins Lumber Co., lumber	265 50	
Jamara Bros., gravel	58 80	
Quigley Hardware Co., hardware	17 49	
Robinson, John, gravel	267 60	
State Prison Colony, cement posts	87 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,082 91

Total Expenditures	8,331 81
Unexpended Balance - To Revenue	3 28

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\$ 8,335 09    \$ 8,335 09

## Chapter 90 Construction

Contract 14152 — Spencer and Robinson Roads

## Appropriation

State \$ 4,668 28

Town	1,556 09
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Total	\$ 6,224 37
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(Carried over from 1953)

## EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$ 558 00
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Town Equipment (Machinery Rentals)	135 60
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Outside Equipment:	
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Young, R. T., Jr., shovel	230 40	
		230 40

Material	
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Huckins Lumber Co., lumber	148 22
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Gulf Oil Corp., gasoline	66 00
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New Eng. Metal Culvert Co., culvert	4,919 60
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Robinson, John, gravel	130 00
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\$ 5,099 82
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Total Expenditures	6,223 82
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Unexpended Balance - To Revenue	55
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\$ 6,224 37	\$ 6,224 37
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## Chapter 90 Construction

Contract 15463 Spencer, South &amp; Robinson Rds.

Appropriation

State	\$ 8,250 00
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Town	2,750 00
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Total	\$ 11,000 00
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Labor	\$ 962 35
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Town Equipment (Machinery Rentals)	445 40
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Outside Equipment	
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DeMarco, Michael, truck	148 50
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Town of Hardwick, roller	15 00
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Jamara Bros., truck	264 00
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Kazemekas Benny, truck	46 75
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Sykes, Edgar, truck	34 00
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Young, R. T., bulldozer	108 00	
Young, R. T., trailer	30 00	
Young, R. T. Jr., truck	11 00	
Young, R. T. Jr., shovel	153 60	
Young, R. T. Jr., power saw	10 00	
Crawford, Roscoe, power saw	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 850 85

Material

Files Equipment Co., post paint	\$ 22 50	
Hardwick Farmer's Exchange, hardware	19 02	
Jamara Bros., gravel	61 20	
Jamara Bros., sand	9 00	
Ind. Coal Tar Co., tar	289 23	
Malleable Iron Co., cable bolts, etc .	432 66	
State Prison Colony, posts	245 00	
Webster & Webster Co., guard cable	333 20	
Wisnewski, Martin, gravel	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,451 81

Total Expenditures	3,710 41	
Unexpended Balance	7,289 59	
	<hr/>	\$ 11,000 00    \$ 11,000 00

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Appropriation	
State	\$ 1,400 00
Town	1,400 00
County	1,400 00
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Total	\$ 4,200 00

EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$ 387 30
Town Equipment( Machinery Rentals)	163 20

## Outside Equipment

Blake, Levi Jr., truck	\$ 65 00	
DeMarco, Michael, truck	114 75	
Town of Hardwick, roller	15 00	
Town of New Braintree, grader	52 50	
Jamara Bros., sander	34 00	
Jamara Bros., trucks	264 00	
Town of Rutland, hone	10 00	
Sykes, Edgar, truck	44 00	
Young, R. T., trailer	22 50	
Young, R. T., bulldozer	24 00	
Young, R. T. Jr., shovel	67 50	
Young, R. T. Jr., truck	165 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 877 95

## Material

Holden Trap Rock Co., 1/2" stone	\$ 111 69	
Ind. Coal Tar Co., tar and asphalt	2,302 47	
Jamara Bros., sand and gravel	282 25	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,696 41

Total Expenditures	4,124 86
Unexpended Balance - To Revenue	75 14

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\$ 4,200 00	\$ 4,200 00
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**Snow and Sand**

Appropriation	\$ 4,000 00
From Selectmen's Reserve Fund	274 88

**EXPENDITURES**

Labor	\$ 1,235 76
Town Equipment (Machinery Rentals)	600 20
Outside Equipment:	
Blake, Levi Jr., truck	\$327 25
Blake, Raymond, truck	195 25
DeMarco, Michael, truck	577 50
Jamara Bros., truck	351 75
Jamara Bros., sander	46 50
Sykes, Edgar, truck	387 75
Young, R. T., bulldozer	24 00
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	\$ 1,910 00

## Material:

Jamara Bros., sand	431 25	
Young Gordon, welding	18 00	
International Salt Co., salt	79 67	
	<hr/>	\$ 528 92

Total Expenditures	\$ 4,274 88	\$ 4,274 88
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**Purchase and Maintenance**

(Machinery Account)

Transferred from Machinery Fund during 1954	\$ 3,000 00
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**EXPENDITURES**

Aubuchon Co., assorted hardware	\$ 8 23
Adams, Donald, tractor umbrella	11 05
Bill's Clothing Store, rain supplies	20 94
Barr, Stephen, sawing wood	23 75
Bill's Garage, truck repair	4 10
Caranci Oil Co., fuel oil	15 64
Daley, Charles M., sharpened axes, etc.	3 50
Daniels, Ralph I., paint	4 95
Day, Dorothy, reimbursed for adv.	4 84
Federal Tool & Steel Co., plow blades	433 22
Files Equip. Co., paint and supplies	63 60
Furnace Grain & Coal Co., paint	6 50
Goldstein & Gurwitz, tractor, loader, mower	895 27
Gulf Oil Corp., gasoline	621 06
Goodyear Service Stores, tires and retreads	179 89
Hardwick Farmer's Co-op., paint and tools	70 29
Jewett, Geo. H., truck repair	5 92
Lane's Garage, spark plugs and lights	3 35
Quigley, R. T., hardware	11 60
Rolla Motor Parts Co., tools and parts	62 55
Smith, Frank A. & Son, insurance	164 04
Varney's Garage, parts and repair	57 59
Wine, E. P., range oil	14 40
Worcester County Electric Co., electricity	14 70
Young Broom Co., broom	40 00
Young, Gordon, welding	54 00
National Glass Co., glass	9 50
Ccnant, Mary C., files	1 82

Klem Tractor Sales, tractor repair	12 56	
Spinney, LeRoy, wiring and supplies	22 91	
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	\$ 2,841 77	
Unexpended Balance -		
To Machinery Fund	158 23	
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	\$ 3,000 00	\$ 3,000 00

**Machinery Fund**

On hand, January 1, 1954		\$ 1,254 20
Auditor's correction		573 61
Received - Town Machinery Rentals:		
Ford truck	\$ 2,572 00	
Tractor - loader - mower	858 40	
Plows	129 00	
Sander	37 20	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,596 60
Total Available Funds		\$ 5,424 41
Transferred to Purchase and		
Maintenance - 1954		3,000 00
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In Machinery Fund — December 31, 1954		\$2,424 41

**Labor**

Chapter 81 Maintenance		\$ 4,229 70
Chapter 90—Robinson Road		1,885 20
Chapter 90—Spencer & Robinson Rds.		558 00
Chapter 90 Spencer, South & Robinson Rds.		962 35
Chapter 90 Maintenance		387 30
Snow and Sand		1 235 76
Young, Ralph T. Jr.	\$ 1,760 55	
Wilbur, Percy	2,228 75	
Kennan, Edward H.	2,213 75	
Brennan, Francis	1,257 50	
Riffenburg, Robert	185 00	
Crawford, Roscoe	142 50	
Barr, Stephen	136 88	
Cole, Walter E.	5 00	
Bullard, Ralph	63 75	
Dean, Howard	10 00	
Dermody, William	7 50	
Dwelly, Ralph	94 50	
Dwelly, Wesley	86 25	



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Goodwin, Samuel	6 25
Hanson, G. Donald	440 00
Jamara, B.	8 75
Lupa, Anthony	5 00
Morse, Merle	466 25
Miller, John	5 00
Parson, James B.	22 50
Scott, Warren	72 00
Szczuka, Robert	40 63

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\$ 9,258 31    \$ 9,258 31

**Highway Department Inventory — December 31, 1954**

EQUIPMENT		Hone	1
Truck, 1953 Ford, F-6	1	Lanterns	2
Ferguson tractor	1	Mason's tools	
Tractor mower	1	Edgers	2
Wagner loader	1	Floats	2
Power grindstone	1	Groove	1
Sander	1	Picks	
Snow plows	4	Pick handles	5
TOOLS		Pitch fork	1
Anvil	1	Pitch fork handle	1
Axes	4	Pliers, chain	1
Bars	5	Punch	1
Brooms		Rakes	7
Straw broom	1	Saws	
Push brooms	5	Carpenter saws	2
Brush cutters	2	Crosscut saw	1
Brush hook	1	Hacksaw	1
Chains		42" box saw	1
Cross chains	89	Scythes	3
Cross chains	50 ft.	Snaths	3
Side chains	50 ft.	Shovels	
Log chains	3	Long handle	4
Truck chains	2	Round point	8
Clamps, 6"	1	Square point	6
Flares, highway	18	Square, steel	1
Grease gun	1	Stone forks	3
Hammers		Tampers	2
Carpenters hammers	3	Tire irons	3
Sledge hammers	4	Trowels	2
Hydraulic jack	1	Vise	1
Hoes		Wrenches	
Garden hoes	1	End wrenches	1/2 set
Grub hoes	3	1/2" drive socket	1/2 set

18" stillson	1	Cedar posts	6
24" stillson	1	Cement bags	2
Box wrenches	1 set	Cement blocks	25
SUPPLIES		Guardrail cable	1/3 reel
Calcium Chloride	26 bags	Reinforcing rods, 6'	71
Cement posts	18	Rock salt	7 bags

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH T. YOUNG, JR.,

Superintendent of Streets

## Report of the COMMITTEE FOR IMPROVEMENT TO THE MEMORIAL HALL BASEMENT

The work performed under the direction of this committee included the completion of the ceiling and south wall, installation of lights and electrical fixtures, cleaning and painting the walls, treating the floor, installing a ventilating fan and other miscellaneous work.

Transferred from Old Age Assistance

Account	\$ 1,000 00
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Paid

For Carpenter work, Ralph W. Dwelly	\$ 618 69
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Electrical work, LeRoy C. Spinney	154 06
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Painting	
Kesseli & Morse, concrete paint	33 22
Camosse Supply Co., concrete paint	12 50
Holden Hardware Co., varnish	1 21
Dellwood Inc., varnish	1 28
Arthur Maccabee, wood sealer	7 20
John Mann, labor	19 50
W. Francis Brennan, labor	32 50
Percy Wilbur, labor	32 50
Edward H. Kennan, labor	32 50

Furnishing and installing ventilator R. E. Eames	39 20
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Plumbing Garfield Wright	9 79
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Miscellaneous	
Holden Hardware	1 89
Nellie Griffin	1 24
Finan's	1 35

Total Expenditures	\$ 998 63
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 1 37
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Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE TUCKER

WILLARD C. RUTHERFORD

ROGER H. LONERGAN

## Report of the COMMITTEE TO SET UP A SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The work performed under the direction of this committee included the construction of a food and supply closet and counters and cabinets; installation of a sink, and the construction of tables and benches.

Carried over from 1953	\$ 300 00
Appropriation	500 00

Total Available	\$ 800 00
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### Paid

For constructing counters, cabinets and supply closet, Ralph W. Dwelly	\$ 474 98
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### Tables

Holden Farmer's Supply, plywood	47 36
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Central Supply Co., fittings	14 99
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Rutland Training Center, labor building tables	30 00
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Thomas W. Reed Co., rubber cups for table legs	4 50
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### Stainless Steel sink

Central Supply Co.	143 97
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Benches, John Mann	57 00
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Painting benches and counters, John Mann	21 00
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Miscellaneous Hardware R. T. Quigley	5 90
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Total Expenditures	\$ 799 70
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Unexpended Balance	30
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Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE TUCKER

WILLARD C. RUTHERFORD

ROGER H. LONERGAN



# Report of the OAKHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the year ending December 31, 1954

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mary H. Parsons, Secretary	Term expires 1955
Philip Dwelly	Term expires 1956
Willard C. Rutherford, Chairman	Term expires 1957

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William H. Buker	Holden, Mass.
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## OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Lois P. Drawbridge	Holden, Mass.
Mrs. Addie P. Wentworth	Holden, Mass.
Mrs. M. Ida Carlson	Holden, Mass.

## TEACHERS

Mrs. Esther G. Hawkes	Grades VI, VII, VIII
Mrs. Winifred B. Lane	Grades III, IV, V
Miss Helena K. Rutherford	Grades I, II

## SUPERVISORS

Miss Ruth S. Innes	MUSIC
Gregory F. Bowes (resigned June 11, 1954)	ART
Mrs. Dorothea S. Roth (began Sept. 8, 1954)	ART
Rinehart Handwriting System	PENMANSHIP

## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Leroy E. Mayo (resigned June 11, 1954)	Holden, Mass.
Channing H. Washburn, M.D. (began Sept. 8, 1954)	Paxton, Mass.

## SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Brenda T. Sullivan	Holden, Mass.
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## CUSTODIAN

Winthrop H. Boyd	Oakham, Mass.
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## BUS DRIVERS

Leonard A. Hardy	John O'Donnell
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## ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Donald Agar	Oakham, Mass.
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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter Term	January 3, 1955 thru February 18, 1955
Spring Term	February 28, 1955 thru April 15, 1955
Summer Term	April 25, 1955 thru June 17, 1955
Fall Term	September 7, 1955 through December 22, 1955

## HOLIDAYS

April 8, 1955	Good Friday
May 30, 1955	Memorial Day
October 12, 1955	Columbus Day
November 4, 1955	Teachers' Convention
November 11, 1955	Veterans' Day
November 24, 25, 1955	Thanksgiving Recess

## Report of the SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and citizens of Oakham:

I herewith present my seventh report and the fifty-fifth of the series.

During the year educational progress has been made by introducing a lunch program and purchasing more equipment and books. With the assistance of the P.-T.A. and a town appropriation, a part of the basement was made available for preparing and serving school lunches.

Mrs. Ethel L. Morse was employed as School Lunch Manager, beginning September 1st. An average of fifty-seven 25 cent lunches have been served each school day.

The State assists the Town by contributing 9 cents per lunch, plus commodity supplies. The State also contributes 2 cents to 4 cents on each bottle of milk, if milk is purchased to supplement the home prepared lunch.

However, it will still be necessary for the Town to appropriate a small amount each year to support the lunch program, due to the small number of lunches purchased.

We were fortunate to maintain the three experienced teachers; Mrs. Esther G. Hawkes - Grades VI, VII and VIII; Mrs. Winifred B. Lane - Grades III, IV and V; Miss Helena K. Rutherford - Grades I and II. We all know that teachers make the school. Supplies and equipment are secondary agents.

The transportation conveyors, Leonard A. Hardy and John O'Donnell have carried very satisfactorily seventy pupils to the Center School and Mrs. Alice Foley, Mrs. Mary H. Parsons and Willard C. Rutherford have transported very satisfactorily high school students to North Brookfield and the Wachusett Regional High School.

The State reported, for the year ending June 30, 1954, that:

- (1) The Cost per pupil was \$160.94; Reimbursement by State per pupil was \$96.56; Net Cost to Oakham \$64.38.
- (2) Cost of Transportation \$8,145.20; Net Cost to Town \$525.00.
- (3) Salary of Superintendent and Travel \$345.00; Net Cost to Town \$135.00.



## Enrollment:

Center School	Grades I & II—24
	Grades III, IV & V—34
	Grades VI, VII & VIII—27
Total	85
High Schools	24

Mrs. Sullivan, the nurse, Dr. Mayo and Dr. Washburn have given examinations according to the new State Regulations. Mrs. Sullivan visits the school each week.

Mr. Gregory F. Bowes, Union supervisor of Art, resigned to accept a position at the Wachusett Regional High School. Mr. Bowes was an outstanding supervisor. Mrs. Dorothea S. Roth was elected to fill the vacancy.

Miss Ruth S. Innes continues to efficiently direct the music instruction.

The Rinehart Penmanship is being taught under the supervision of Rinehart instructors.

Mrs. Esther G. Hawkes, Principal, reports:

Oakham has an enrollment of 86 pupils, taught by three teachers, using some of the best teaching materials.

The pupils also have an opportunity to go to the library where they are learning to find information needed and to get books for recreational reading. Mrs. Lane's room has many new books for extra reading also.

This last September, the Hot Lunch Program was started and an average of 75 per cent eat daily.

Our school was 100 per cent in its collection for the Junior Red Cross and also gave to the Tuberculosis Seal Drive.

Our school is fortunate to have such fine cooperation between its parents, teachers and school officials.

Mrs. Brenda T. Sullivan, school nurse, reports the annual physical examination for children in Grades I, IV and VII has been completed. A pre-school clinic was held with parents present. The purpose of this examination is to check the health of the child and to insure his best physical condition when he begins school.

The annual vision test has been given and most of the defects corrected. Three diphtheria immunization clinics were held and 31 students were inoculated. Routine work



has been carried on as follows: Weighed and measured 65, Vision test 62, hearing test 46, Clinic 4.

Miss Ruth S. Innes, Music Supervisor, reports that through our school music program we are trying to develop in all the children an intelligent appreciation and understanding of music and a lasting interest in music as a life resource. The proper use of the singing voice through rote singing and music reading is stressed.

A fine record library is now available and at seventh and eighth grade level the principal types of music studied are: classic dance types, national dances, the march, tone poems, and music from the theater. The students appeared publicly in the graduation program and also at Christmas time.

Mrs. Dorothea S. Roth, Art Supervisor, reports that Art is a universal language, a medium of communication which affords an opportunity for the individual to use his materials as a release of his ideas in design, crafts, drawing, painting and Art appreciation. Through the release of these ideas lettering, posters, and seasonal decorations were completed. Art has progressed for many years in Oakham. My aim is to continue the program started by the previous instructors and to further the art education program in any way which will benefit the pupils of the public schools.

For the seventh year, I wish to thank all for the assistance given me.

WILLIAM H. BUKER,

Superintendent of School Union No. 27

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## ENROLLMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1954

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Totals
Boys	7	5	4	8	4	5	5	5	43
Girls	7	5	6	6	6	4	6	2	42
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	14	10	10	14	10	9	11	7	85

## SCHOOL CENSUS - October 1, 1954

	Boys	Girls	Total
5 to 7 years of age	11	11	22
7 to 16 years of age	40	43	83
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	51	54	105

## GRADUATES — June 1954

## Oakham Center School

Joan Butler	Leslie R. LaCount
Leslie A. Downer	Joan M. Nahkala
Judith M. Foley	Sandra J. Wells
Barbara L. Hutchins	James F. Zelnia

## TUITION PUPILS

## North Brookfield High School

Judith Foley	Grace Wells
Sandra Wells	Gail Wells
Arthur Bealand	Gloria Wells
Patricia Foley	James Zelnia

## Wachusett Regional High School

Joan Butler	Nancy Rutherford
Leslie Downer	Valena Bechan
Barbara Hutchins	Paul Downer
Leslie LaCount	Beverly Gallant
Joan Nahkala	Marilyn Parsons
Shirley Crawford	Virginia Rutherford
Vivian Crawford	Edith Crawford

## City of Worcester — Commerce High School

Barbara Hardy

## Worcester Boys' Trade High School

Leonard W. Hardy

# Report of the OAKHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Year ending December 31, 1954

Appropriated	\$ 29,855 31	\$ 29,855 31
Expenditures	28,337 79	
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Unused Balance	\$ 1,517 52	
Receipts	13,319 31	
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	\$ 14,836 83	\$ 14,836 83
ACTUAL COST TO TOWN		\$ 15,018 48
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## Receipts:

Chapter 70	\$ 5,484 73
Transportation	7,620 20
Superintendent	195 63
Vocational Aid	18 75
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	\$ 13,319 31

## EXPENDITURES

### GENERAL COURT

Superintendent	\$ 351 64	
Union Office Salaries	339 60	
Union Office Expense	142 39	
Census	5 00	
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		\$ 838 63

### EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

Esther B. Hawkes	\$ 2,866 64
Winifred B. Lane	2,650 08
Helena K. Rutherford	2,579 83
Gregory F. Bowes, ART	192 94
Dorothea S. Rothe, ART	92 48
Ruth S. Innes, MUSIC	265 58
Rinehart, PENMANSHIP	200 00
Mary G. Arms, SUBSTITUTE	20 00
Elsie Havens, SUBSTITUTE	100 00
Eleanor Henry, SUBSTITUTE	70 00
Cleo Hopkins, SUBSTITUTE	10 00

Louisa Riley, SUBSTITUTE	10 00	
Catherine Robbins, SUBSTITUTE	40 00	
Beverly Rosenberg, SUBSTITUTE	30 00	
Aileen E. Wilmouth, SUBSTITUTE	10 00	
Margaret L. Young, SUBSTITUTE	30 00	
Textbooks	274 47	
Supplies	368 46	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,810 48

## OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

Winthrop B. Boyd, Janitor	\$ 488 00	
Towels	88 19	
Soap	8 12	
Wax	46 80	
Fuel - E. P. Wine	987 87	
Fuel - Lehigh Petroleum	16 50	
Service on burner	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,640 48

## MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

Garfield Wright	\$ 232 91	
Sawyer's	10 80	
Chester M. Rood	1 00	
Holden Hardware Co.	6 76	
Ralph Downer	3 65	
Harold Spuvogal	8 00	
W. F. Fullam & Co.	5 60	
John Mann	11 00	
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## AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Nurse - Brenda T. Sullivan	\$ 214 80	
Doctor - Leroy E. Mayo	37 50	
Doctor - Channing H. Washburn	37 50	
Health Supplies	18 03	
Tuition - No. Brookfield	3,044 60	
Wachusett Regional H.S.	2,010 18	
Holden	868 56	
Worcester	605 70	
Ware	36 00	
Transportation		
Leonard A. Hardy	\$ 3,800 00	
John O' Donnell	1,520 00	
High School	3,478 00	



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Miscellaneous		
Engrossing diplomas	3 20	
Programs	2 40	
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## OUTLAY

Equipment		
Fire Extinguisher and		
blanket	\$ 49 90	
Chairs	39 30	
Music equipment	2 81	
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TOTAL		<hr/>	\$ 28,337 79
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WILLARD C. RUTHERFORD

MARY H. PARSONS

PHILIP DWELLY

Oakham School Committee

## Report of the SCHOOL LUNCH MANAGER

To the Superintendent of Schools  
and the School Committee:

I am glad to present this first annual report to you and the citizens of Oakham. It being a first report of the School Lunch Program it will of necessity be lengthy.

Both the A type (protein, vegetable and/or fruit, bread and butter, milk) and C type (milk only) meals were served beginning the first day of school, September 8, 1954. The average daily A type servings to the students were fifty-seven and the C type was seven over this four month period. This is nearly one hundred percent participation as the daily average attendance was seventy-nine; twelve of this number being able to go home to dinner. These pupils eat with us, too, sometimes. Adult servings including teachers, school personnel, manager and workers averaged three and one-half daily. The smallest number of A type meals served was forty-six during the measles epidemic and the largest was eighty the day we had a Christmas turkey dinner. With one exception every child has participated at some time in the A type lunch program.

Several of the older girls have been very good help in the kitchen at recess and during the noon hour and have earned their meals this way.

Without the splendid cooperation of our teachers, Mrs. Hawkes, Mrs. Lane and Miss Rutherford we could not have a successful lunch program. Each teacher collects and keeps her own daily money records for her room, fills out the daily report slip for me, and thus the daily attendance, participation and student receipts are recheckable by me, if necessary. This extra daily chore by the teachers is very much appreciated. The teachers maintain their own discipline in the dining area and I am grateful for this, also.

The P.-T.A. School Lunch Committee has spent over two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) at the present time in equipping the kitchen. This money includes donations from the Oakham Grange, The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Morris donated an electric refrigerator and we have a well set up kitchen for a small school. Mrs. Robert Johnson and

Orton Butler have given us freezer space, and Mr. Butler has been very helpful in securing provisions and giving discount.

The women who have given many hours of their time and labor helping in the preparation and serving of hot lunches deserve much credit. Their names follow. Alice Price, Doris Lonergan, Yvonne Barr, Ann Bealand, Mabel Cassault, Molly Arms, Bernice Dermody, Myrtle Dwelly, Ruth LaCount, Dorothy Lupa, Esther Mann, Frances Narrow, Catherine Rutherford, Rose Snay, Bette Spinnery, Fanny Tucker and Shirley Wareing. I hope I have remembered everyone.

I wish to thank the Leonard Hardy, Srs., the Eldridge LaCounts, the Charles Casaults, the Willard Rutherfords, Mrs. William Mann, Miss Mary Conant and Miss Dorothy Day for food donations; Mrs. Rutherford and Mrs. Jack Narrow for table decorations; Mrs. William Wareing Mrs. Everett Mann and Mrs. Verno Tucker for kitchen utensils. These donations and material and labor by Anthony Lupa are appreciated very much.

Mr. Boyd, janitor, is always ready to help with small repairs and clean-up and his early morning good humor starts every day right.

#### SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

Cash on hand September 1, 1954	\$	300 00		
Ethel A. Morse, labor			\$	300 00
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	\$	300 00	\$	300 00

#### SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1954	\$	264 47		
(balance of milk fund)				
Lunchroom sales		995 00		
National School Lunch Program Claims		276 98		
Ethel A. Morse, labor			\$	100 00
Ethel A. Morse, for apples to Brookfield Orchards and Telephone bill				6 61
North Brookfield Fruit Co.				10 41
Butler's Store				184 94
John E. Sexton Co.				431 56
Commonwealth of Mass. (service charge)				20 50



John E. Cain Co.	15	60
Finan's Express	16	62
Brookfield Orchards	9	25
Davis & Bannister, Inc.		
(record book)	4	85
Pinecroft Dairy	295	69
Worcester Baking Co.	67	22
Megowen-Educator Food Co.	14	22
Roscoe Crawford (garbage collection)	3	75
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	\$ 1,536 40	\$ 1,181 22
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1954		355 18
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	\$ 1,536 40	\$ 1,536 40

The difference in the Treasurers' Account and the School Lunch Program Account is a bill to Robert Quigley for \$1.75, which was added to my account erroneously by the School Committee, it already having been paid for by the Parent-Teacher Association. A refund has recently been obtained.

The cooperation of the parents and townspeople has been supreme and I am deeply grateful.

ETHEL A. MORSE, Manager

School Lunch Program



**TOWN WARRANT**

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Oakham in the County of Worcester.

## GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs to meet in the town hall known as "Memorial Hall" on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at 12 M at which time the polls will be opened and will be closed at 8 P.M.

Business meeting will open at 8 P.M. then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the annual report of the several town officers and act thereon.

Article 2. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one member of the Board of Public Welfare, one member of the School Committee, one Library Trustee, one member of the Cemetery Committee, all for three year terms; a Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, six Constables, three Fence Viewers, and a Moderator, for one year terms, all on one ballot.

Article 3. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officers of the town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended: 1. Town Clerk, 3 Selectmen, 3 Assessors, 3 Board of Public Welfare members, 3 School Committee members, 1 Moderator, 1 Tax Collector, 1 Treasurer, 1 Auditor, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Article 5. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and trucks in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer, Collector, and Town Clerk.

Article 7. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town charges for the ensuing year as follows: SCHOOLS; PUBLIC WELFARE; GENERAL RELIEF; OLD AGE ASSISTANCE; AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN; DISABILITY ASSISTANCE; ADMINISTRATION; TOWN OFFICERS' SUPPLIES; STREET LIGHTS; BOARD OF HEALTH; ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS; INSPECTION OF ANIMALS; INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING; POLICE; PRINTING; MEMORIAL DAY; DOG OFFICER; SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES; MISCELLANEOUS; LIBRARY; CEMETERIES; FIRE DEPARTMENT; VETERANS' BENEFITS AND ADMINISTRATION; MOTH SUPPRESSION; DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL; EMPLOYEE'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE; SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING; MEMORIAL HALL MAINTENANCE; TREE WARDEN; INSPECTION OF WIRES; EXPENSE OF WORCESTER COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM; CARE OF TOWN COMMON; 4-H CLUBS; FIRE INSURANCE.

Article 8. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current fiscal year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, these notes to be paid from the revenues of said financial year.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2500 dollars from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account, not over \$1500 of this amount to be used for the purchase of a sand body and spreader, and the balance to be used for ordinary maintenance expenses.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to accept any trust funds that may be left for the care of the cemeteries or other purposes.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.



Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the improvement of Spencer and South Road, under Chapter 90 Construction or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from their surplus revenue the sum of \$5000 to be used by the assessors in figuring the 1955 tax rate, same to help reduce the amount of the tax rate in 1955.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for the Oakham Civilian Defense Organization or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to pay the notes of the town coming due during the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to pay the accrued interest due in the fiscal year on its outstanding Funded and Fixed Debt, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1200 to improve and oil a section of Scott Road or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the director of accounts for the installation of an accounting system in accordance with the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to be used to make necessary repairs to the Fobes Memorial Library building, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1000 from the Overlay Surplus to the Selectmen's Reserve Fund or take any action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting

attested copies in public places in said town seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hand this eighth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty five.

JOHN P. O'DONNELL

ROGER H. LONERGAN

WALTER W. NELSON

Board of Selectmen





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